

FHSU STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020
Zoom Meeting-1:30pm

- I. President Jennifer Whitmer called the meeting to order at 1:34pm
- II. Roll Call of Members
 - a) **Present** – Jennifer Whitmer, Nicole Frank, Staci DeWild, Fallynn Rogers, Liz Atwater, Diana Staab, Debbie Allen, Lisa Lang, Lacey Wegner, Jenna Niblock, Lisa Morgan, Donna Augustine
 - b) **Absent**: Jan Schmidtberger, Bob Duffy, Stephanie Johnson, Mark Grieve, Pam Groff
 - c) **Guests**: Rachel Harman, Kevin Splichal
- III. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Liz Atwater and seconded by Debbie Allen to approve the meeting minutes from August 11, 2020. The motion was carried.
- IV. Treasurers Report: \$995.90 in the foundation account for scholarships as of August 2020.
- V. Social Report: nothing to report
- VI. Orientation Report: 7/12/2020-8/8/2020
 - a) No longer with FHSU: Trent Rose, Molly Barnett, Ricky Delton, Sarah Holzmeister, Gary Dechant, Robert Weigel
 - b) New to FHSU (includes promotions or job changes): Erik Wince, Lawren McKinney, Shianne Cokely, Tadesech Lemma, Kyrie Baumgartner, Kathleen Cook, Kelsi Broadway
- VII. Cabinet Update: Jennifer reported:
 - a) Continue to review the COVID updates from Tisa/Scott and be sure to check out the COVID website.
 - b) The Journey Campaign will enter its capstone year at Homecoming. This is the final year of the Journey Campaign.
 - c) Enrollment update: Fall down 4% in headcount and 4.5% in student credit hours. They have already started recruitment for Fall 21, 22 and 23 and we have been asked to roll out the red carpet for all campus visitors.
 - d) Facilities: Center for Student Success project is on schedule and concrete and wall framing is to be done by first week of September; Rarick Renovation has been bid and awarded and will start later in September. Through May of 2021, work is primarily focused on the first floor. Both rest room stacks will be completely renovated, one set at a time. That work will commence immediately. In mid-May, work will move to 2nd and 3rd floors, wrapping up in December 2021. Asbestos abatement will take place on floors 2 and 3, during the 2020/2021 winter break.
 - e) Library dean search has finished and Ms. Leslie Haas will begin November 30. The Graduate School Dean search will start in September.
 - f) International – SIAS will begin on September 7 and SNU will begin on August 31. Both schools will begin FHSU courses online.
 - g) Spring 2021 planning has begun as it relates to on campus courses. They will include same notations as fall semester (TOL, TOC, Hybrid).

VIII. Old Business- none

IX. New business

- a) USSC Conference Call – No meeting for August or September; next meeting scheduled for October 1st
- b) UPS Conference Call- No meeting for July
 - i. School Updates
 1. ESU-making adjustments due to COVID; starting to have discussions on FY 22 since they are expecting a 10% decrease in budget
 2. KState-enrollment is higher than expected; they have started a Professional Staff of the Week Recognition Program
 3. KU-shared governance has been having weekly calls with administration regarding fall semester and COVID; their staff senate will have 2 new committees to be on= Task Force on Community-Responsive Public Safety and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council.
 4. Pitt State- University officials continue to monitor national movements related to Free Speech, Social Injustice, and the upcoming election. We are experiencing a high rate of voluntary compliance with our mask mandate among campus constituents. Discussions related to furloughs and reductions of pay are currently on hold.
 5. WSU- Our Budget Advisory Committee has been asked to make plans for a possible 10-15% reduction in state funding for FY 22. A Shared Governance Visioning Team has been created and they are working to define the shared governance principles for WSU. They are engaging various groups on campus and the goal is to have these defined by the end of this fiscal year
 - ii. UPS Council to present at KBOR this week

X. Miscellaneous:

- a) President Mason has asked shared governance to visit with each of our senators regarding a new committee. University Values Committee - Tisa (faculty, staff, students) and Tisa is requesting recommendations for people who would be a good fit for this committee and also have the time to dedicated to it.
- b) Karen Allen retiring end of December
- c) Suggested a possible sub-committee to put together goals the staff senate wants to accomplish over next 2-3 years. (Rachel Harman, Liz Atwater, Nicole Frank interested) Email will go out to all Senators for interested in committee.

XI. Next Meeting October 13, 2020 Zoom-1:30pm

XII. Adjournment: A motion was made by Lisa Lang and seconded by Lacey Wegner to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Liz Atwater

University Staff Senate Secretary

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